

## **Makumbi in 2017.**

Makumbi Children's Home is situated about 46 km from the capital Harare. It takes care of children who are abandoned due to various factors in life. Part of the work of the administration is to have a good management of funds. This time of Christmas, we would like to offer our thanksgiving to our benefactors, people who support our cause.

Much of the money we get from the donors go to basic needs of the children, that is: shelter, medication, basic food, clothing and education. Another big amount goes to the salaries of the workers. These workers are caregivers who are the mothers of the children. Some workers are the gardeners who takes care of the vegetable foods taken by the children.

What has been happening in 2017.

From the beginning of the year, we made a number of changes in the Makumbi Children's Home way of procedure. We discovered that it was not going to be enough and good for the children to provide basic education for them. We decided to go for excellency. The reason for this move is that, not so many children from the home were succeeding when it comes to finishing their secondary school studies. We studied the situation and saw it fit that we have to invest more in education beyond just seeing them going to school. We started hiring private tutors who follow each child's work and progress. This compliments the work done in the school. We provided more materials to their work beyond the basic ones they get at school. Starting that from primary school has been quite advantageous because that is where there is the greatest impact of education on a child which can set a trajectory of how he/she will fare in the future.

As we speak, the performances of the children from Makumbi Children's Home has improved dramatically. Their reading, writing and fulfillment of assignment in both Shona and English is excellent. We can now safely say that our children are now enjoying going to school. Our additional input of funds in this sector is paying great dividends.

Why are we doing this?

We have a vision for our children that they should achieve higher than minimal outcomes in life. They should excel in what they do, and get good opportunities for employment afterwards and lead a successful life. They will then later on become benefactors of the Home.

**Fig 1. Tutor and Children doing English speaking practice**



**Fig 2. Children in their best attire**



**Fig 3. Mother who takes care of children**

